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1. A large training center has been set up at Shumen (now called Kolarovgrad). It is devoted to standardization of the Bulgarian Army's weapons and to training Bulgarian Army instructors in the use of the new Soviet weapons. The center has numerous Soviet instructing officers. Some of them have been in Bulgaria for a considerable period. Others have recently arrived.
2. The center prepares training cadres, which are to be sent, as model demonstration troops, to the different garrisons in the east and southeast of Bulgaria. Also installed at Shumen (Kolarovgrad) are motorized infantry units and a complete division staff.
3. From what can be heard at Shumen, it may be concluded that the most recently arrived Soviet instructors are by no means satisfied. They do not believe that the Bulgarian troops have, by any means, mastered the new weapons.

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